

August 24, 2015

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St. SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Communication (WC Docket No. 13-184)

Modernizing the E-rate Program for Schools and Libraries

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 24, 2015, I spoke via telephone with Charles Eberle, Attorney Advisor regarding Funds For Learning's comments to the draft Eligible Services List for Funding Year 2016 submitted on June 22, 2015. In our conversation, I clarified and explained our comments regarding network management and monitoring functionality in the Category 2 section of the ESL. We see an inconsistency in the eligibility rules in this area; namely that while network management and monitoring functions are eligible if provided by a third party as a Managed Internal Broadband Service, applicant purchases of hardware and software components which perform the same functions do not appear to be eligible for discounts in the Internal Connections category.

Sincerely yours,

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